

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached replacement formal drawing sheets (sheets 1-10) include changes to Figs. 1B and 5-10. These sheets, which include Figs. 1A-11, replace the formal drawing sheets filed with the Office on December 8, 2003.

In Fig. 1B, reference character "38" is changed to "36," and reference character "74" is changed to "75".

In Fig. 5, reference character "80" is changed to "86," reference character "60" is changed to "54," and reference character "74" is changed to "75."

In Fig. 6, reference character "110" is added to identify the finishing cap, and reference character "112" is added to identify the bolt.

In Figs. 7-10, reference character "74" is changed to "75."

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1A-11)  
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (Figs. 1A-11)

### **REMARKS**

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 4, 2006, setting forth a non-extendible three month statutory period for reply expiring on Monday November 6, 2006, since November 4, 2006, fell on a Saturday.

The Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of this application for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement filed with this Amendment and Response. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the required fee for filing a Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment and Response and submitted Information Disclosure Statement.

The issue fee has not been paid in this application, a notice of appeal has not been filed, and a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146 has not been commenced. Furthermore, since this Amendment and Response and the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement along with the Request for Continued Examination are filed on November 6, 2006, this application has not been abandoned. Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 no further petitions or fees are believed due in connection with this filing of the Request for Continued Examination, the Amendment and Remarks and the concurrently submitted Information Disclosure Statement.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending with claims 1, 12 and 20 being independent claims. By this Amendment and Response, claims 1, 12, 14-17 and 20 are amended, and claim 13 is cancelled. After entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1-12 and 14-20 will remain pending with claims 1, 12 and 20 being independent claims.

#### **I. Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance to correct a typographical error. More particularly, the claim now reads "a second cable ... wrapped at least part of the way around said third main pulley" rather than "a second cable ... wrapped at least part of the way around said second main pulley." (Emphasis added.) Because this amendment merely corrects a clear typographical error, this amendment does not change the scope of claim 1 and thus is not a narrowing amendment.

Claim 1 has also been amended to replace the phrase "a second and third main pulleys" with the phrases "a second main pulley" and "a third main pulley." This amendment was made

to make the claim easier to read. This amendment does not change the scope of claim 1 and thus is not a narrowing amendment.

Claim 12 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance. Specifically, claim 12 incorporates the limitations of claim 13 as agreed upon during the Examiner's telephonic interview with Lee Osman on August 2, 2006.

Claim 13 has been cancelled in favor of incorporating its limitations into claim 12.

Claims 14, 16 and 17 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance to maintain proper dependency for these claims. More particularly, the reference to claim "13" was changed to claim "12" in claims 14 and 16 because claim 13 was cancelled in light of incorporating its limitations into claim 12. In claim 17, the recitations "a first main pulley attached to said actuating lever" and "a second and third main pulleys" were deleted since these elements were incorporated into amended claim 12. Additionally, the recitations of "a first cable", "a second cable", and "a tensioner cable" were modified to "said first cable," "said second cable," and "said tensioning cable" since antecedent basis for these elements was incorporated into amended claim 12.

Claim 14 was also amended to change the recitation of "first and second main pulleys are connected to a load" to "first and second main pulleys are operatively associated with a load." (Emphasis added.) Support for this amendment can be found at least in Figs. 1A, 1B, 4 and 5 and the written description associated with these figures. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim 15 was amended to change the recitation of "a pulley connected to said load" to "a pulley arm operatively associated with said load." (Emphasis added.) Support for this amendment can be found at least in Figs. 1A, 1B, 4 and 5 and the written description associated with these figures. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim 20 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance to correct a typographical error. More particularly, the claim now reads "a second cable ... wrapped at least part of the way around said third main pulley" rather than "a second cable ... wrapped at least part of the way around said second main pulley." (Emphasis added.) Because this amendment merely corrects a clear typographical error, this amendment does not change the scope of claim 20 and thus is not a narrowing amendment.

## **II. Amendments to the Drawings**

During the telephonic interview on August 2, 2006, the Examiner approved the following changes to the drawings:

1. in Fig. 1B, replace reference character "38" with "36";
2. in Fig. 5, replace reference character "80" with "86";
3. in Fig. 5, replace reference character "60" with "54";
4. in Figs. 1B, 5 and 7-10 replace reference character "74" with "75"; and
5. in Fig. 6, add reference character "110" to identify the finishing cap and reference character "112" to identify the bolt.

The Examiner required these changes to be made to avoid abandonment of the application.

With reference to the annotated drawings, the required changes have been made in the Replacement Sheets attached to this Amendment and Response. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests entry and approval of the replacement drawings.

## **III. Allowance of Claims**

The Applicants thanks the Examiner for indicating claims 1-12 and 14-20 were allowable if claims 1, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 20 were amended as set forth in the Examiner's amendment. As discussed in more detail above, these claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's amendments. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits claims 1-12 and 14-20 are in a condition for allowance and indication of such is respectfully requested.

## **CONCLUSION**

After entry of the above remarks and amendments, claims 1-12 and 14-20 remain in the application. In accordance with the arguments set forth herein, the Applicant respectfully submits the application and all claims are in condition for allowance, and requests such prompt allowance.

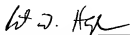
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a), please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$790.00 for filing the Request for Continued Examination. The Applicant believes no further fees or petitions are required. However, should any such fee or petition be required, please consider this as authorization therefor and please charge such fees to Deposit Account number 04-1415.

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Should any issues remain that the Examiner believes may be dealt with in a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (303) 352-1118.

Respectfully submitted,

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